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Applicants: Ryo KAWAHARA, et al.

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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD, OPTICAL  
AMPLIFYING APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL  
AMPLIFIED TRANSMISSION SYSTEM USING THE  
APPARATUS

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Examiner: Ari M. Diacou

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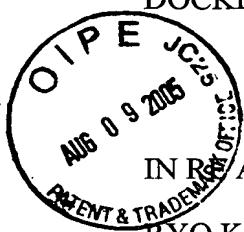
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In response to the restriction requirement of July 15, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, corresponding to claims 1-5 drawn to the method involving AGC control with information about input and output power from the amplifier.

It is respectfully submitted that examination on the merits of claims 1-5 is in order.

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